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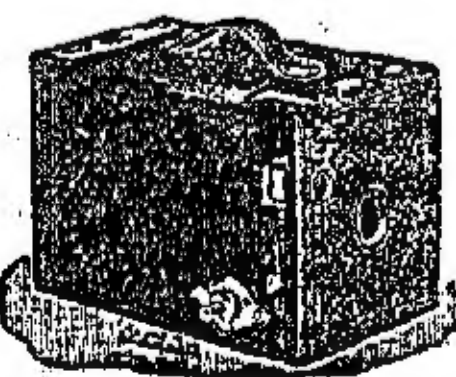
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The Daily Press.

HONGKONG OFFICE: 14, DES VUEX ROAD CL.
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HONGKONG, JANUARY 14TH, 1905.

WHATEVER may be the final results of the fall of Port Arthur, it is some satisfaction to find that the European Powers are at last waking up to a better comprehension of their duties as neutrals. The progress of the Russian fleet to the waters of the Far East, entailing as it does, even at its best, questions not hitherto considered from the international point of view, was likely to raise many hitherto unsettled problems in international law, which were certain to prove embarrassing to neutral trade. In the present case Russia has shown an evident desire to strain to the uttermost the acknowledged rights of a belligerent, and to place her own construction on questions of international law not hitherto decided, and in certain cases, as the right of neutrals to carry mails, has actually taken it upon herself to remove mails addressed to a hostile Power from neutral ships. Again she has claimed the right to decide of her own motion, without consultation with other Powers, what is or what is not contraband of war. The whole tenor of the Declaration of Paris, to which most of the maritime Powers have given their adherence, was to legalise as far as possible the rights of neutrals, and Russia was one of the Powers which at the time desired to carry the rights of neutrals to the furthest possible limits; she, when she found it was apparently to her own

immediate purpose to restrict those rights, was pleased to extend the rights of the belligerent. It was perhaps as well for all parties that the Congress at Paris did not attempt to define these respective rights by definite rules. The whole question was too unsettled, and all the Powers saw that the world was on the eve of great changes, and that it was inadvisable to proceed further than laying down certain main principles, leaving it to experience to decide what hard and fast rules should afterwards be put in practice. These general principles, however, decided certain fundamental points. There is, for instance, no doubt that no neutral Power is justified in rendering active assistance to any one of the belligerents; they are not to help either by supplying men, arms nor ships; and are bound to use every reasonable means to prevent their subjects from doing so. Great Britain was for instance adjudged guilty of neglect in permitting the *Alabama*, plainly fitted out as a man-of-war, to leave her ports at the early part of the American War of Secession. In the same way neutral Powers have been restrained from supplying either Russia or Japan with ships of war, and the sea, at least, has not been made use of for supplying either with arms. Many nations, as England, have made it a legal offence for any of their subjects to be engaged in any such transaction, but here the question as to what is to be considered legal still remains a moot point. The principal mercantile nations view with jealousy any attempt to interfere with their private trade with a belligerent. It is no offence, for instance, to supply Japan or Russia with coal; it is an offence to supply either with coal to aid it in actual hostilities. It is no offence to supply either in any quantity with, say, railway materials. Either may be intended eventually to aid in military or naval operations, but it does not appear that there rests any obligation on the exporter to enquire into these intentions. There is, however, no apparent doubt that in putting coal directly on board a belligerent ship, whether ostensibly for the purpose of aiding it in carrying on hostilities or not, the ship or the factor is committing a misdemeanour.

For similar reasons it has been held a breach of neutrality for any neutral Power to permit a belligerent ship to make use of its ports to refit, except such repairs as are actually necessary to keep it afloat till it can attain a place of safety. It is likewise forbidden to supply it with coal more than sufficient to reach the nearest port. Here a considerable divergence of opinion is left unsettled. Logically the proviso was intended to mean one of its own ports, but as we have seen in several cases belligerent ships have been supplied with coal to enable them to proceed to another neutral port, where they claimed a like privilege. In default of this belligerent ships are by the existing rule required to clear out of the neutral port within twenty-four hours, unless a hostile ship should happen to be there at the time, when it must be granted twenty-four hours' grace. The intention is that a neutral should not under penalty of losing its neutrality afford active aid in carrying on hostilities to either one or other of the belligerents. Now it is certain that in certain cases in the present campaign all these stipulations have been at times disregarded, either from inadvertence, or from an idea that in enforcing them they were practically aiding one or other of the hostile Powers. The attempt of the Russian Baltic fleet to reach Port Arthur has emphasised the importance of arriving at some better understanding on the points at issue. At the beginning of the war both Russia and Japan had powerful fleets in Eastern waters, and it did not seem likely that any other than merely ordinary conditions had to be satisfied, and when with the approbation of all the other Powers China's neutrality came to be secured, it appeared that all that would be required of neutrals would be to carry out the ordinary rules of neutrality. Russia must be blamed for first-making the definition of the rights and duties of neutrals a burning question. Her very first step in fact threw down the gauntlet. Under the pretence of being innocent merchant ships certain vessels of hers, flying the ordinary merchant flag, passed the Dardanelles and the Suez Canal. Arrived in the neutral though narrow waters of the Red Sea, they hoisted the naval flag, and at once proceeded to make raids on neutral vessels, claiming the right of deciding on their own sole authority what was contraband, and beyond this boarding and examining neutrals bound to neutral ports and removing mail matter, or offending

portions of their cargo. It was manifest that in the interests of commerce at large such a state of affairs could not be permitted to continue, and after a time such pressure was brought to bear that the offending ships were withdrawn. Then Russia announced her intention of sending out a considerable part of her home fleet. The attitude of Europe at first was one of incredulity, and no steps were taken on behalf of any of the European Powers till the actual sailing of the fleet took most of the Powers by surprise. Unfortunately for Russia the very first act of the fleet was to commit a gross outrage, which did not improve the position of Russia in the face of the other nations. Then it was found that Russia had been making secret arrangements for the coaling of the fleet at sea. Up to this time no common understanding had been arrived at as to the treatment of the fleet in the neutral ports at which it might find it necessary to call, and the first port, Vico, had apparently no instructions and allowed it as in ordinary times to rendezvous. France, too, having probably never looked upon the expedition as within the range of probabilities, also showed some symptoms of passing over the affair lightly. But then came the consideration as to what the fleet was likely to do. It had committed a grave outrage on setting out, it had misconducted itself in Crete, the remembrance of its deeds in the Red Sea was not assuring, and the Japanese were pressing, and could not be ignored, as they had well-founded complaints to make as to the disregard of international law. All these things set the Powers thinking; they had one and all had about enough of the contest in the Far East, which was blocking the trade of the entire world; they had even been discussing the coming possibilities of putting an end to the war: the fall of Port Arthur was imminent; why should they, by lending actual assistance to Russia, contrary to all international law, prolong the present unsatisfactory conditions?

Looking to Europe, Russia was pursuing reckless policy at home which was threatening to light again the fires of revolution; was it to the advantage of any of them to aid Russia in her dangerous designs, even at the cost of tearing to pieces international laws which the experience of more than half a century had shown to be in the interest of civilisation at large? These are some of the considerations which have at this eleventh hour induced the European Powers to consider that issues very much more important than the mere struggles of Russia and Japan were at stake. Whatever the reasons, we cannot but feel grateful that the Continental States have at last waked up to an apprehension of the fact that their own best interests were at stake.

The *Kobe Chronicle* has changed its name to the *Japan Chronicle*.

English residents propose to give a ball in St. George's Day.

Subject to audit, the Land Investment Company will pay \$6 per share dividend.

The Criminal Sessions open next Wednesday, the 18th inst.

The Nippon Yusen shipping company has started a fortnightly service between Kobe and the new open port of Dairen.

Ati Baba is to be repeated by the members of the Catholic Union this afternoon, commencing at 5.30 o'clock.

Mr. W. Clatham, Director of Public Works, who went home last March on leave, has booked his return passage by the N. D. L. steamer *Prinz Eitel Friedrich*, which is due here towards the end of March.

The *Honolulu Echo* reports that the Japanese rejoicings there, over the Port Arthur affair, were "most orderly and mild maddening." A large model of a gunboat was carried round, with a procession of lanterns, and there were fireworks, bombs, and "bonzai."

It is notified that Major-General F. G. Slade, C.B., Inspector-General of Royal Garrison Artillery, will arrive in Hongkong on February 3rd, and that it is his intention to inspect the Hongkong Volunteer Corps. He will probably do so on Saturday, February 4th (Chinese New Year).

The work of dredging Yokohama harbour, which has been in progress some time, is now completed, and vessels with a draught of 35 feet can now be easily accommodated. The Chamber of Commerce Report adds: The *Minnesota* of the Great Northern S. S. Co. of America, which is expected shortly, will find ample room for anchorage.

The Messrs. Robert Stephenson and Co. (Limited), of the Springfield Locomotive Works, Darlington, have been awarded, in face of severe competition from British and Continental builders, an order for ten large four-wheeled coupled passenger locomotives, with four-wheeled leading bogie and six-wheeled tenders for the Shanghai-Nanking Railway.

Mr. and Mrs. F. G. Figgie are expected back in the Colony early in February.

Members of the Chinese branch of the Y.M.C.A. are arranging a billiard tournament.

The sixteenth ordinary meeting of the Kowloon Land and Building Co., Ltd., takes place on the 30th inst.

A large water pipe burst at the motor house, Arbuthnot Road, yesterday and much valuable water ran to waste.

The *Sunday Sun* at Manila is now a bi-lingual production, having its contents printed in both American and Spanish.

The Manila cattle market is overstocked from a Dutch port, and a slackness of business at Hongkong in this direction results.

There was an inquest held at Shanghai, touching the death of Mr. George C. Fullerton. The jury decided that heart disease was the cause.

Mr. E. H. Conger, U. S. Minister to Peking, and Mrs. Conger leave Hongkong for Manila to-day by the s.s. *Rubi*. They will return shortly.

The Rev. Fr. Torres, head of the Spanish Propagation here, is very ill. He leaves for Manila to-day accompanied by Dr. Lopez and the Rev. Alonzo.

Mr. Cowan, brother of the well-known China newspaper man, proceeds to Tientsin to-day. He is accompanied by his wife and two children; and arrived from England a few days ago.

The Bachelors' Ball was given at the City Hall last evening. About four hundred people, including His Excellency the Governor, were present. The decorations were very pretty.

A native residing at No. 110, Hollywood Road, was charged before Mr. E. A. Hazeland at the Police Court yesterday with being in illegal possession of four tins of prepared opium. He was ordered to do three months' hard labour in default of paying a fine of \$140.

To the *Encho de Paris* is attributed a statement that three officers of Admiral Rozhdestvensky's fleet found drunk have been placed in a boat off the West African coast, with food and money enough to take them back to Russia. Strenuous efforts are being made, it is rumoured, by other officers to be convicted of a similar offence.

The *Japan Gazette* of January 3rd, reporting the surrender of Port Arthur, was scuffed with flags, Japanese and English, all over it in colour. Even its advertisements were professed by the legend: "The following advertisers offer congratulations on the fall of Port Arthur." This kind of enterprise looks rather silly.

On Nov. 29 a new German battleship, the *Elzeas*, was put into service for the first time. Her commander, named Pohl, is well known in the Far East, as during the late Chinese war he commanded the *Hansa*, German cruiser, and distinguished himself in a prominent manner at the attack of the northern fortifications of Taku.

The Hongkong correspondent of the N.C. *Daily News* had this to say of the December Settlement on the local "Change": "The settlements this month were very heavy, and the brokers have their work cut out, but it is not expected that any grave difficulties will be encountered, although one face familiar on the Bialto has disappeared. His liabilities, estimated at some \$60,000, will not, however, I think, complicate the settlements."

The funeral of the late Mrs. Chow Fung Shi, mother of Mr. Chow King Ki, comrade of the Nippon Yusen Kaisha, and Mr. Chow Shi Lum, Manager of the Tai Wai Bank, took place yesterday afternoon. The cortege left No. 5, West Terrace, Cause Road, for Kennedytown dead-house, where the deceased is to be until a suitable burial place is arranged for her in Canton. Most of the leading local Chinese were present, also several European friends.

The Japanese are clever at designing coloured diagrams to make statistics plain. The Japanese Chamber of Commerce at Yokohama issues one showing the bulk and value of rice imports from 1898 to 1903. British India now sends the most in 1903 sending six million piculs worth over twenty-seven million yen. French India, which in 1898 sent the highest quantity shown (six and a half million piculs valued then at twenty-six million yen), in 1903 sent only 3,200,000 piculs, valued at ¥14,000,000. Corea's largest quantity was sent in 1901, about 1,500,000 piculs; China's was one million piculs in 1898, and in 1903 less than half a million.

By kind permission of Col. Canfield and officers, the band of the 110th Mahratta Light Infantry will play the following selections this evening (Saturday), the 14th January, 1905, at the Hongkong Hotel:

March "When the Moon with Glory Brightens"
Selection "The Earl and the Girl"
"Auf Schwinger der Liebe"
"The Light of the World"
"The Belle of New York"
"La Son Rose"
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TELEGRAMS.

[REUTERS' SERVICE.]

THE U.S. AND THE HANKOW-CANTON RAILWAY.

LONDON, 11th January.

The American Government has informed China that it does not approve of the proposed cancellation of the concession of the Hankow-Canton Railway, and that it regards the American concessionaires as entitled to the protection of the American Government.

FRANCE.

LONDON, 11th January.

M. Doumer, who has been elected President of the Chamber, addressing a meeting of the Radical Left prior to his election, declared that every opportunity must be taken to subject the Ministry to a reverse.

FRANCE AND JAPAN.

LONDON, 11th January.

The publication in the French papers of an exhaustive statement written by Baron Kodama in 1902, explaining Japanese ambitions, and setting forth particularly designs against India-China, is creating a sensation in Paris. The Japanese Legations deny the authenticity of the statement, but it has nevertheless produced an impression.

THE WAR.

[DAILY PRESS SERVICE.]

THE "ASKOLD" HOMICIDE AT SHANGHAI.

SHANGHAI, 13th January.

The Russian sailor belonging to the Russian warship "Askold," interned at Shanghai, who killed a Chinaman with an adze, during an altercation with some ricksha coolies, was tried to-day by Russian Court Martial.

The Taotai did not send an assessor to sit at the trial. After all the agitation to be represented at the trial, when the Russian Consul refused to absolutely surrender his extra-territorial rights, the assessor who had declined to send the assessor who had been detailed for the purpose.

The sailor was adjudged to have killed without intention or malice, and was sentenced to four years imprisonment, as well as to be deprived of all his civil rights.

The sentence is regarded as fully adequate.

[BY COURTESY OF THE JAPANESE CONSUL.]

PORT ARTHUR PRIZES.

TOKYO, 12th January.

On Thursday General Nogi reports that the delivery of the booty was completed, including the occupation of the permanent forts, 59 in number. Principal among the booty taken over are 546 guns, whereof 54 are of large calibre, 149 medium and 343 small calibre, 82,670 cannon balls, ammunition 30,000 kilos, 35,252 rifles, 1,920 horses, four battleships, not including the *Sevastopol*, which was entirely sunk, two cruisers, and gunboats and destroyers 14 in number, ten steamers, etc., besides 35 small vessels which are usable after minor repairs have been effected.

FIELD OPERATIONS.

TOKYO, 13th January.

A Russian detachment consisting of eight squadrons with 12 guns appeared and attacked our commissariat station at Now-chiatung on the 12th inst, but they were repulsed on all sides. A small body of the Russian cavalry on the night of the 12th secretly invaded the districts of Anshantien, Haicheng, Yuiukow and Tashikiao; and partly destroyed the railway, which was, however, immediately repaired.

[REUTERS' SERVICE.]

THE JAPANESE FLEET.

LONDON, 11th January.

Reuter's Mauritius correspondent wires that it is rumoured the Japanese fleet is at Diego Garcia, a dependency of Mauritius in the Indian Ocean.

MONTHS REQUIRED.

LONDON, 11th January.

Admiral Rozhdestvensky was informed on the 2nd instant that the Japanese fleet had proceeded to meet his fleet and the Russians have redoubled their vigilance. Admiral Rozhdestvensky's A.D.C. interviewed at Tamatave on the 3rd instant, said that the squadron would require months to cross the Indian Ocean.

(N.C. Daily News Service)

THE NEW GOVERNMENT OF PORT ARTHUR.

TOKYO, 7th January.

Vice-Admiral Shibayama, hitherto Commandant at Kure, has been appointed Commandant at Port Arthur, with Captain Tamari, formerly Naval Attaché in London, as his chief of Staff.

DISARMAMENT OF THE FUGITIVE DESTROYERS.

TOKYO, 7th January.

The cruiser *Chigoda* and the flotilla of destroyers which were watching the Russian fugitives at Tsingtao have returned, having full confidence in the German engagement that the Russians are to be disarmed. The Russian fugitives at Chetow are already dismantled.

ADMIRAL KATAOKA'S REPORT.

TOKYO, 8th January.

Admiral Kataoka reports that upon the proposal for capitulation being made, the Russians destroyed or sank their ships. Six destroyers escaped; the *Abukuma*, with torpedo and destroyer flotilla, chased them to Chetow, and Rear-Admiral Togo, with the *Chigoda* and *Tatsuma*, and a destroyer flotilla, proceeded to Tsingtao, and compelled the disarmament of the Russians. Admiral Kataoka reports with pleasure this brilliant conclusion of the operations.

CORRESPONDENCE.

CHINA PROVIDENT LOAN AND MORTGAGE COMPANY.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "DAILY PRESS."

Hongkong, 13th January.

SIR,—With reference to the letter which appears in your paper of to-day's issue over the name of "Inquirer" in connection with the above company, I am at a loss to understand how the appointed consulting committee have allowed such an account to be issued.

It appears from the balance sheet that the overdraft with the bank, reserve fund and about \$36,000 of the company's funds have been utilised to finance another company under the same management. It would be interesting to know whether they were consulted on the subject; if so, then it is quite time another committee was appointed to look after the interests of the shareholders, and see that the surplus funds are invested in concerns other than under control of the general managers.

The investing public will note that there are still 100,000 shares unissued, and no doubt in a very short time shareholders will be approached to take up this issue should the company require more funds, but I trust that shareholders will never consent to such a proposal until the general managers and consulting committee dispose of their present investments, and utilise their funds in an advantageous manner to the company, and not for the purpose of bolstering up unsound, or rather untried ventures.

Allow me in conclusion to state that this complaint is made solely to impress the consulting committee that they are custodians of our interests, and in accepting office must carry out their responsibilities and show they deserve the confidence of those who appointed them—I am, Sir, Your obedient Servant,
"ONE OF THE SHAREHOLDERS."

A CRITICISM.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "DAILY PRESS."

SIR,—Writing with regard to Imperial Federation to-day, your junior morning contemporary makes this amusing and thoughtless assertion: "Twenty years ago, if Great Britain had entered into an alliance with Japan, we should never have allowed the Australians to make laws forbidding a nation with whom we were allied to set foot on their shores." If your contemporary would only think for a moment they would become aware of the fact that the people of India have been fellow subjects of ours for over twenty years, yet even they are not allowed to land in the Commonwealth. Neither would the editor of your contemporary, if he went down to Australia under contract, I admit that such a thing is all wrong, but since Australia does it regardless of what Great Britain says or thinks, it would be interesting to know how the latter could, or why she should, prevent the subjects of a merely ally being treated differently to her own people? It is useless to say that Australia is mad, or even foolish. That does not get away from the fact that she does not ask Great Britain what she might be allowed to do. Your contemporary, which "thinks" better with *Statist* promptings, should know that.—Yours, etc., "IGNORAMUS."

A MYSTERIOUS NOTE.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "DAILY PRESS."

SIR,—Permit me to thank you for the good sense and good taste displayed in your abstention from the local practice of writing your own "nominations" in praise of your own good sense, good taste, enterprise, and other excellences. It may not enhance your reputation in the eyes of the only right thinking man in the Colony, but it pleases.—Yours, etc., "NO NAME."

Hongkong, 13th January.

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SHANGHAI	"TAMING"	On 17th January.
MANILA	"TIANAN"	On 18th January.
YOKOHAMA and KOBE	"SUNGKIANG"	On 24th January.
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LUCER, German gunboat, 55, Kroenke.
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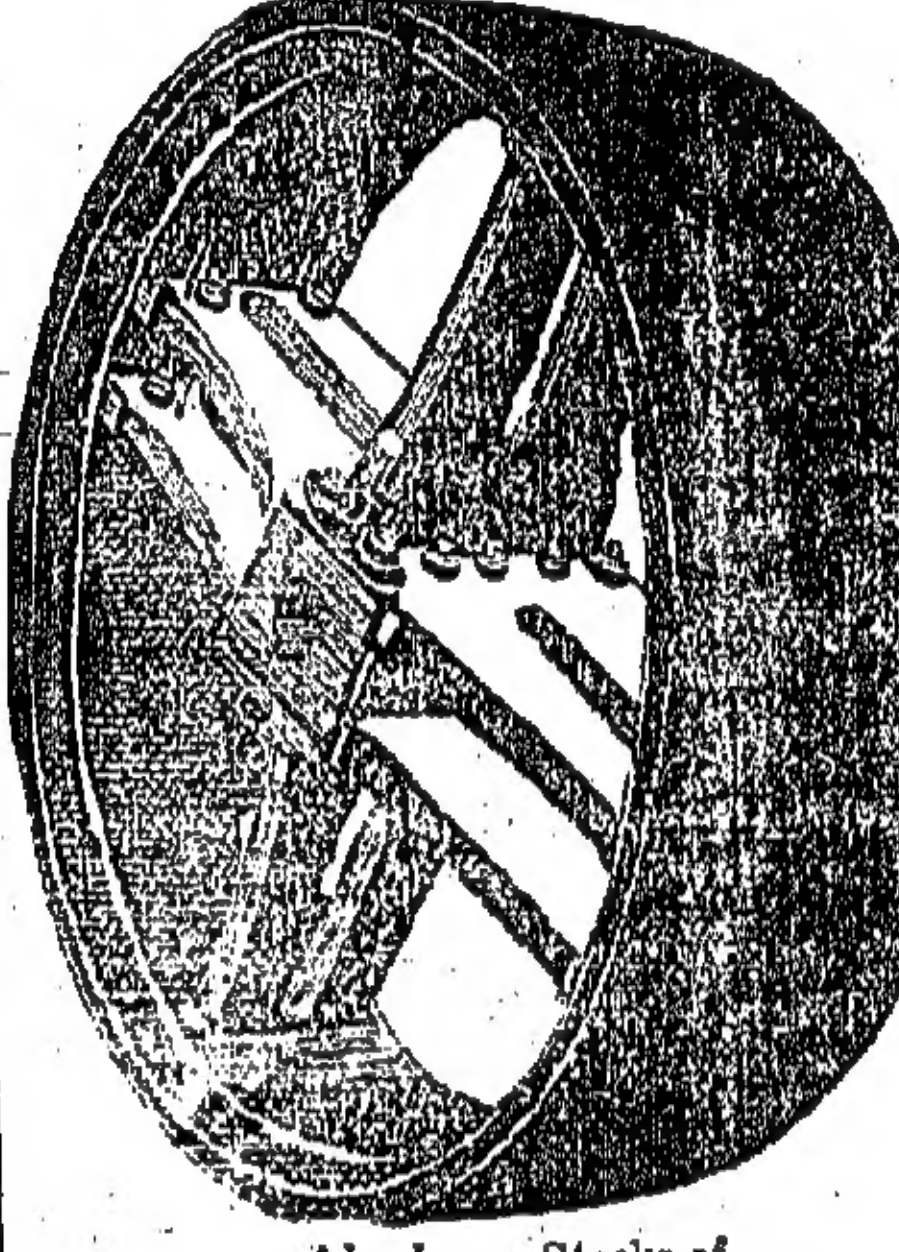
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CHINESE EMIGRANTS TO AUSTRALIA.

ALLEGED CONSPIRACY.

The hearing of the case in which Wong Chuk Yau and Wong Tim were charged with (1) Defrauding one, Hau Tim, of the sum of \$850; (2) and (3) Unlawfully attempting to defraud and deceive the China Navigation and Eastern and Australian S.S. Companies by obtaining from the said companies a passenger ticket for one Hau Tim, to enable him to personate one Ah Wai, was continued before Mr. H. H. J. Gompertz at the Police Court yesterday afternoon. Mr. F. B. L. Bowley, Crown Solicitor, instructed by Chief Detective Inspector Hanson, prosecuted, and Mr. G. K. H. Bruton represented the first defendant, Wong Chuk Yau.

Mr. Bowley asked His Worship before giving a ruling with regard to the admission of certain letters as evidence, to be allowed to call a witness to prove certain facts of the commonwealth of Australia.

Mr. Bruton: I presume the evidence is with regard to the laws of Australia, and do not see how it is going to affect the charge against the defendants. They are charged with defrauding and deceiving in this Colony, and not in the Commonwealth of Australia.

His Worship: In the course of your examination, Mr. Bruton, you asked Inspector Hanson certain questions with regard to the law in Australia; therefore, I ought to consider this evidence.

Mr. Bowley then called Otto Kong Sing, who deposed:—I was admitted a solicitor of the Supreme Court of New South Wales in 1895, and practised there until 1899. There are laws in force in the Commonwealth of Australia restricting the entrance of immigrants. A Chinaman who cannot write a European language is not allowed to enter the Commonwealth without naturalisation or exemption papers. The captain of a ship is responsible for any alien not entitled to enter. The print produced is an official one of the Immigration Restriction Act in force in the Commonwealth.—Cross-examined by Mr. Bruton: The list of undesirable is given in the Act. A person landing there with a naturalisation paper would not be prohibited. I have seen Australian naturalisation papers. Those issued now would be different to the one produced. I have never seen a photograph on a naturalisation paper.—Re-examined by Mr. Bowley: A person landing with a false naturalisation paper would be a prohibited person.

Mr. Bowley asked leave to put in the letters between Wong Chuk Yau, the first defendant, and Hau Tim, as evidence.

His Worship considered the letters should be put in and ruled accordingly.

Mr. Bowley asked permission to recall Hau Tim.

Mr. Bruton: I object, your Worship. My friend is simply recalling me to prove evidence. He is working up his case as he goes along, and it is adjourned time after time to suit his convenience. He should conduct his case in such a way that I should know what to do for the defence.

Mr. Bowley submitted that until his case was closed he was entitled to call what evidence he chose.

His Worship thought the Crown Solicitor was entitled to recall the witness, and decided to admit his evidence.

Hau Tim recalled: I cannot write any European language. The letters put in were received by me from the first defendant, Cross-examined by Mr. Bruton: I do not know that the letters were written by the first defendant. I have no friends in Australia. I did not know Wong Tim before he took me to the photographer's. I paid him \$1.40 for the photographs after the sitting.

Young Pat, a witness for the defence, deposed:—I have known the second defendant for several years. He has lately been out of employment. He lived at the Chan Hop where he got his food. I saw Wong Tim several days before Wong Chuk Yau was arrested. Cross-examined by Mr. Bowley:—I know the Wing Fat shop at No. 363, Des Vaux Road. The second defendant frequented the place. Wong Chuk Yau was the master of the Wing Tai. I did not hear anything about some Chinese immigrants who tried to get into Australia and failed coming back and suing Wong Chuk Yau.

Re-examined by Mr. Bruton: The Wing Tai was a money exchange shop.

Mr. Bruton: What the prosecution have to prove in this case is conspiracy to defraud and deceive. They have to show to the satisfaction of your Worship that Hau Tim was in a position to be defrauded; also that the two steamship companies were in a position to be defrauded. Having shown that it is an indictable offence to defraud and deceive, they have to prove it. It has not been shown that the defendants conspired together and agreed to defraud Hau Tim. He went into the shop, knowing he was a catfish of the Police, to obtain tickets. He was told that false papers would be given him, therefore he knew what he was paying for.—the genuine papers of another man. The prosecution have failed to show that the action of the defendants would defraud the two steamship companies. Mr. Abbey, a shipping clerk called, stated that they could not be defrauded, as they took good care to make themselves secure. Even supposing one of the companies issued a ticket, they have to show that Hau Tim could not have got into Australia, and that he would have had to return. Assuming anyone would lose, it was the shipping company's broker. The shipping companies would not issue a ticket to a Chinaman until he had paid his passage, and deposited money for his return passage. There was not a scrap of evidence to connect Wong Tim with Wong Chuk Yau, and as the pro-

secution had not proved that any criminal offence had been committed, he would ask His Worship to discharge the prisoners.

Mr. Bowley contended that it was not for the prosecution to prove that there was an indictable crime attempted. What they had to prove was that there was a conspiracy to commit an unlawful act, and this was fully proved from the evidence adduced in the second and third charges.

His Worship: I think there is sufficient evidence on each of the charges of conspiracy to commit the defendants to take their trial at the Criminal Sessions. I therefore commit them on the three charges.

PIRACY IN HONGKONG HARBOUR.

A daring act of piracy was perpetrated in Hongkong harbour between the hours of one and four o'clock yesterday morning. What is known as a pass junk—that is a junk carrying a special permit which entitles it to leave port at any hour—carrying a crew of about ten men, was bringing a cargo of goods into port from Shukuiwan. When off Quarry Bay the sailors on board the junk noticed a small craft push off from the shore near Pakshuiwan. It headed apparently so as to reach the junk, and on pulling alongside twelve men, armed with swords and revolvers, swarmed on to the junk and ordered the sailors to hold up their hands. For the junkmen, taken by surprise as they were, there was nothing else to do but obey. The pirates then proceeded to blind them by putting pepper in their eyes. Finishing this work to their satisfaction, they then entered the cabin and extracted therefrom an amount of money supposed to be between \$1,500 and \$2,000. Having secured this booty, they headed their skiff for the New Territory. When they thought themselves out of sight, however, they made for shore on the Hongkong side. The leader of the band, with all the money in his possession, was arrested by a Chinese detective in Hollywood Road at 6.45 a.m. yesterday morning, and two further arrests were effected later in the day. Nine of the pirates are still at large, but the police are in pursuit.

HORTICULTURIST OR HIGHWAY-MAN?

A Chinaman hailing from Kowloon City was charged before Mr. Gompertz at the Police Court yesterday with carrying arms without a permit. He was found on a hillside at eleven o'clock at night bearing a big sword, and being a very big man terrified all who happened to come in his way. The defendant told His Worship that he heard some dogs baying, and thinking some thieves had come to steal his vegetables, armed himself with the sword, which he was carrying when arrested by a constable. His Worship thought the case very suspicious, but when the constable informed him that some dogs were barking at the time of the arrest, he remanded the case until to-day in order that inquiries might be made from Sergeant Cameron at Kowloon City. Bail was allowed in the sum of \$20.

MISSIONARY ENTERPRISE AT HONGKONG.

Messrs. Geo. Fenwick and Company recently lent a launch to a missionary party to go to Cheung Chow Island, situated about twelve miles from Hongkong towards Macao. The Rev. Pearce acted as Cantonese interpreter, and amongst others present were the Rev. C. H. Hickling, Messrs. W. G. Winterburn and H. Hursthouse. The elders of the village—described by our informant as looking like "Foochow Gods"—were interviewed, and told that it was proposed to open a school and send a European teacher to the island. The old gentlemen wagged their heads and said they would have their children educated according to Western methods in such case—if there was anything to be gained by it. Two or three dollars a week per pupil however was considered a lot of money to spend, but "muskies" they said, if the investment was good. They would not definitely promise to support the school; but it was gathered that some fifteen pupils might be obtained. As some of the residents are sending their children to Hongkong, where they attend at Catholic schools, a counter movement may be expected on the part of Roman Catholic missionaries. It would be a good thing for the natives to have schools—and if competing schools all the better—on the island. Protestant missionaries owning property on the island are willing, it is understood, to hand over a house for the new Protestant scheme.

The Marine Insurance Market correspondent of the Times said on Dec. 6th:—The record of cargoes of Manchester goods to India and the Far East has of late proved so generally unfavourable that the marine companies in London, Liverpool, and Manchester recently agreed to a revised scale of premiums, to take effect at the beginning of next year. It was, of course, expected that there would be attempts on the part of some of those not connected with this agreement to get the business transferred to private underwriters in London. In a free market such attempts are quite legitimate, and no one can fairly complain that they are now being made. But in view of the present condition of the marine insurance market the general need is a stiffening of underwriters' backs, rather than an extension of the area of rate cutting. The financial strength of underwriters—whether they be companies or members of Lloyd's—must inevitably be seriously weakened if the present "rot" spreads, and it is to the interest of shippers as much as of underwriters that rates should be on a remunerative level.

SPORTING NOTES.

BOWLS.

Messrs. Higby and Andrews on Thursday, beat Messrs. Howell and Langley in the final for the Civil Service C.C. bowls (doubles) competition by 21 to 14 points.

YACHTING.

The second cruiser race of the Royal Hongkong Yacht Club, for English rigged cruisers (the Governor's Cup), will take place to-day. The course is to (Cheong Chan) Dumb Bell Island (starboard), 22 miles. The handicaps for the race are as follow:—*Haidee* and *La Cigale*, scratch; *Iota*, 11 minutes; *Bonito*, 13 minutes; *Albatross* and *Brynhilde*, 14 minutes. Start at noon. Fifteen minutes afterwards the Chinese rigged cruisers start in the Commodore's Cup race, over the same course. *Dorothy* receives 22 minutes for the others.

To-morrow the Vice-Commodore's Cup will be raced for over the following course:—Kowloon Police Pier, rock one mile south-west of Kanichow (starboard), Trocas Rocks, Buoy (starboard), and back to Kowloon Police Pier—14 miles. The handicaps are as follow:—*Diana* and *Vernon*, scratch; *Elspeth*, 2 minutes; *Ait-on*, 4 minutes; *Albatross*, 7 minutes; *Bonito*, 10 minutes; *Kathleen* and *Min*, 11 minutes; *Gloria* and *Iris*, 14 minutes; *Charities* and *Dorcas*, 16 minutes; *Fayre*, 22 minutes; and *Spray*, 31 minutes.

The rapid growth of the Corinthian Yacht Club is noticed and admired. The list of one-designers is at present as follows:—

Yacht.	Owner.	Recall No.
<i>Cael</i>	M. McVey	1
<i>Nina</i>	E. M. Hazeland	2
<i>Astoria</i>	J. Hand	3
<i>Waratah</i>	W. H. Donald	4
<i>Cam</i>	F. Howell	5
<i>Hibernia</i> (building)	F. Gibson	6
<i>Hilda</i> (building)	Dr. F. Clark	7

There is also another yacht building, so the fleet will consist of at least eight boats. The owners of those already completed are at present busy "titivating" up and rectifying little defects. As the boats are very evenly matched the races will be great fun. It is whispered that last Sunday one of the owners mistook a jib for a spinnaker, but such mistakes do not occur more than once. The occupants of another boat had to keep their "weather eye" on such things as could be used in case of emergency; the boat leaked like a sieve. She was subsequently hauled up on the slips, and the seams were caulked yesterday morning.

At two o'clock this afternoon Dr. F. Clark, Commodore of the Corinthians, flying his flag on *La Cigale*, will lead off in the opening cruise of the season. The other yachts will follow in line—the procession starting from Ah King's Slipway.

The first Corinthian Club race takes place to-morrow, as follows:—Club flag hoisted, 11.45 a.m.; first gun (preparatory), 11.55 a.m.; second gun (starting), noon. The course is from a line between Kowloon Police Pier and a mark-boat Lyman Beacon (port), Kowloon Rock (port), Mui East Bay (starboard), and finish by crossing the starting line from east to west—distance 8 1/2 miles.

CRICKET.

To-day's "big" match is Hongkong v. Kowloon. Play will commence at noon. The teams are as follows:—

Hongkong.		Kowloon.	
B. Hancock	14. P. M. Ho	14. P. M. Ho	
H. Hancock	14. P. M. Ho	14. P. M. Ho	
G. E. A. C. 11	14. P. M. Ho	14. P. M. Ho	
G. E. A. C. 11	14. P. M. Ho	14. P. M. Ho	
G. E. A. C. 11	14. P. M. Ho	14. P. M. Ho	
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G. E. A. C. 11	14. P. M. Ho	14. P. M. Ho	
G. E. A. C. 11	14. P. M. Ho	14. P. M. Ho	

The Civil Service "A" team will play the Police "A" team at Happy Valley, on the Civil Service C.C. Ground, at 2.15 p.m. this afternoon. The following will play for the Civil Service:—F. T. Robins, W. T. Andrews, L. E. Brett, R. H. Craig, A. Brown, T. Abley, F. Allen, W. G. H. Goldsmith, D. Goulay and G. Hoggard.

The H.K.C.C. "A" team will this afternoon play the 33rd Co. R.G.A. on the Military Ground, Happy Valley, commencing at a quarter-past two. The following will play for the Club:—A. McKennis (capt.), F. H. Kew, J. Hooper, A. Oliver, H. R. Wells, Dr. Horley, F. C. Gray, E. A. Fowler, F. W. Spencer, C. H. Olliffe and S. G. Newall.

The Civil Service C.C. play the Parses, the Royal Engineers the Police, and the Royal Army Medical Corps the Craigengower C.C. in League matches.

The following is the Cricket League table up to date (three points for a win; one for a draw):—

Club.	P.	W.	L.	D.	P.
A.O.C.	1	9	1	0	28
Kowloon	1	7	2	0	21
R.E.	1	5	3	0	18
H.K.P.	1	4	3	2	14
R.G.A. 33rd Co.	1	4	3	2	14
Craigengower	1	4	4	1	13
Civil Service	1	3	6	2	11
H.K.C.C. "A"	1	2	1	3	9
R.A.M.C.	1	2	9	0	6
Parses	1	0	8	0	0

TO-DAY'S FOOTBALL.

This afternoon, kick-off at a quarter to five, the H.K.F.C. will play the Taikeo P.C. under Association rules, on the H.K.F.C. Ground at Happy Valley. The following will play for the H.K.F.C.:—F. H. Kew, goal; G. E. Morrell and W. G. Leckie, backs; H. C. Gray, Lieut. Madonald, and E. F. Annett, halves; R. Macpherson, H. E. Taylor, W. H. Williams (Captain), C. Humphreys and J. Clark, forwards.

SUPREME COURT.

Friday, 13th January.

IN SUMMARY JURISDICTION.

BEFORE SIR H. S. BERNARD (CHIEF JUSTICE).

An old Chinese woman, Lok Ah Yut, who had had her case adjourned on several previous occasions, claimed \$35 from one Ho Leung Po, Mr. E. J. Grist (of Messrs. Wilkinson and Grist), appearing for the defence, asked for a remand, which was granted. The plaintiff signed, and looked up at the Judge, pleading that he might proceed. His Lordship sympathetically ordered the defendant to pay the woman's costs for the day, fifty cents, which was done forthwith.

Mr. O. D. Thomson appeared for the plaintiff in re the Sin Fok Hing Lung firm v. Ching Lai Chun, a claim for \$120. Mr. R. A. Harding (for the defendant) disputed the claim. Mr. O. D. Thomson asked His Lordship to fix a date, but the Chief Justice signified his intention to proceed.

Mr. O. D. Thomson—When a case is disputed that is not the custom of Mr. Justice Smith on Fridays, My Lord; I am not prepared for this.

A date was fixed.

Mr. Almada e Castro appeared for the plaintiff in action—Teung Ut v. Pang Hang Shok, a claim for \$511.91; the defendant was absent. His Lordship—Proceed.

Mr. Almada e Castro—We will proceed, My Lord, when the other solicitors have finished; this is the custom.

His Lordship: The others will have to wait. Proceed.

Judgment was given for the plaintiff with costs.

In the case of the Cheong Wah Engineering Co., Ltd. v. Tai Yee, a claim for \$870.0, Mr. H. Hursthouse (solicitor for the plaintiff) undertook to supply Mr. H. J. Gedge (solicitor for the defendant) with particulars; and the case was adjourned.

The case of Andrew Casey v. the Wing On Steamboat Co., Ltd., a claim for \$600, was fixed for Tuesday next at 10 a.m.

Chunda Singh received judgment against J. H. Pidgeon for \$270, due on two promissory notes.

The case of Chan Tsai v. E. R. Bellios, a claim for \$582, was adjourned for a week.

The case of John Mills (deceased) v. Hans Weismann, a claim for \$2 0, was adjourned a week.

Tsang Yun Sang received judgment and costs against Chan Sum Hang for \$875 due on a promissory note.

The case of Chan Chik Ki Tong v. Li Hok U and others, a claim for \$1,000, was adjourned.

Li Lai Tong received judgment and costs against the Hung Hing firm for \$600.

SHIPPING NOTES.

The s.s. *Agincourt* left No. 2 dock at Kowloon yesterday afternoon. She has been thoroughly repaired and looks like a new ship.

The Dock Company yesterday received visitors on the new s.s. *Fathomer* (the U.S. Coast and Geodetic Survey vessel built at the Kowloon Dock). She has been described at length in the *Daily Press* months ago. Suffice to say that the little craft is as pretty as any yacht-owner could desire, and that every inch of work in her could not possibly be excelled. It is to be hoped that the Dock Company made a good profit.

The South African coolie transport *Ascof's* new cylinder was completed yesterday. While coming up from South Africa recently a cylinder broke. After arriving here the vessel made an intermediate trip to Japan, working with only two compound cylinders, and in the meantime a new cylinder was sent out from home. She was not considered "A" to go to South Africa till after the repairs had been executed.

Messrs. Geo. Fenwick and Company have just completed a contract on the South Africa coolie transport *Incula*, cutting water-tight doors, etc., and the Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Co. are now finishing an electric light installation on the same vessel.

The s.s. *Swanley* is going to take the small-pox infected *Cranley's* coolies on to S. Africa. The s.s. *Stanley Dollar* is at present in Cosmopolitan Dock receiving a new shaft and bottom repairs. She touched ground near Moji.

Mr. A. E. Marty's s.s. *Hue* is undergoing an extensive overhaul (boilers and all) and will not be ready for sea till about the end of the month.

LATEST STEAMER MOVEMENTS.

The C.P.R. steamer *Empress of India* arrived at Nagasaki at 10 a.m. on Friday, the 13th inst., and left again at 4 p.m. same day for Shanghai, where she is due to arrive at 6 a.m. to-morrow.

The H.A.L. steamer *Andalusia*, from Hamburg, left Singapore for this port on the 12th inst., and may be expected here on the 19th inst. The steamer *Germanicus* arrived at Yokohama on the 9th inst.

The Boston Tow Boat Co.'s steamer *Lyra* sailed from Kobe on the 12th inst. The s.s. C.P.R. steamer *Empress of Japan*, which left Hongkong on the 14th ult., and Yokohama on the 23rd ult., arrived in New York on the 12th inst., thus making a transit of 29 days from Hongkong and 20 days from Yokohama.

WEATHER REPORT.

The Hongkong Observatory yesterday issued the following:—

On the 13th at 11.55 a.m. The barometer has risen slightly in the Philippines and has fallen at all other stations.

Gradients are slight upon the eastern coast of China and light N.E. winds may be expected in the Formosa Channel. To the southward the gradient is a little more marked and moderate N.E. monsoon will prevail in the northern part of the China Sea.

Forecast:—Moderate E. to N.E. winds, cloudy, fair.

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STEAMER UNDER ARREST.

ALLEGED CONTRABAND CARGO.

The steamer *Tung Choo* was arrested in the harbour, under warrant, by Inspector Langley yesterday morning, with some two hundred and fifty tons of ammunition on board, which was not on the ship's manifest. The ship, it is alleged, was cruising between Hongkong and Saigon, awaiting the arrival of the Russian fleet.

CAPTAIN BEFORE THE COURT.

Captain Parkes, master of the *Tung Choo*, was charged before Mr. H. H. J. Gompertz at the Police Court yesterday afternoon with failing, on arrival, to furnish to the Harbour Master a manifest of such ammunition. Mr. Jones of the Harbour Office prosecuted.

The Captain admitted the charge, and said he had no manifest.

His Worship: What was the quantity of ammunition on board?

Mr. Jones: By the Master's words, 250 tons. No notification of the cargo carried was given before I went on board, which was immediately after she dropped anchor, when the Master gave me the information.

His Worship: I do not understand the meaning of the charge if he gave you the information.

Mr. Jones: A manifest must be furnished, and when the Master enters the vessel at the Harbour Office, he must hand same in. If the Master intended to furnish a manifest he could not have done so before I went on board. A manifest for such cargo is generally, but not always, forwarded from the last port of call. The Master, in this case, is not provided with a manifest.

The Captain said it was not intended that the ammunition was to appear in Hongkong. He came into port as it was an absolute necessity that he should get coal and water.

His Worship: I must inflict the full penalty, as the amount of ammunition you have on board is a very large one. You are fined \$250.

PORTUGUESE KING AND ENGLISH POLICEMAN.

A statement published in some of the London evening papers that the King of Portugal had met with a serious accident in the West End, where his carriage had been in collision with another vehicle, had a basis which revives King Carlos in a very characteristic light.

His Majesty was walking in the Mall when a hansom cab, the horse attached to which had taken fright, came careering along at a furious rate. There was a lady in the cab, and she was screaming with terror.

With great smartness a policeman dashed across the roadway and succeeded in stopping the horse. By this time the lady in the cab had collapsed.

The constable was in a quandary. His obvious duty was to get the lady out of the hansom and into a place of safety, but he dared not, at the moment, release his hold of the frightened horse. King Carlos grasped the situation in an instant, and, hastening to the roadway, relieved the policeman at the horse's head and held the bride until the officer was able to assist the lady out of the cab.

The lady was a good deal frightened, but otherwise was none the worse for her adventure, and when the policeman had escorted her to the footpath he returned to relieve the King of his unexpected charge.

Dom Carlos addressed a few cheery words to the officer in commendation of his smartness and suitably resumed his walk as if it were an everyday incident in the life of a king to hold the head of a runaway horse.

CHURCH SERVICES.

S. JOHN'S CATHEDRAL.

January 15th; 2nd Sunday after Epiphany. Holy Communion (7.30 a.m.).

(Matins 11 a.m.)

Responses, Psalms, Venite, Stainer; Psalms, Cooke, Woodward and Dupuis; Te Deum, Steggall; Benedictus, Garrett in G; Hymns, 89 and 273.

Holy Communion (12 noon).

Kyrie, Barby in E; Hymn, 390.

(Evensong 5.45 p.m.)

Responses, Psalms, Oakeley; Magnificat, Matthews in E; Nunc Dimittis, Turle in F; Hymns, 169, 237 and 31; Vesper Hymn, Ward (No. 1).

S. PETER'S CHURCH.

Queen's Road, West. Second Sunday after Epiphany.

Morning Prayer, 11 a.m.

Venite, Wesley; Te Deum, Russell; Jubilate, Barnby; Hymns, 474, 433, 380, and 490; Kyrie, Holy Communion 12.15.

Evening Prayer.

Magnificat, Goss; Nunc Dimittis, Savage; Hymns, 482, 409, 415, and 402.

The Church launch *Dayspring* will call on ships carrying white crews to bring friends ashore to the services, between 9.15 and 10.20 a.m., and between 5.15 and 6 p.m. (Kowloon Police Pier 10.30 and 6); returning afterwards. The Answering Nannant is the call flag. All the sittings are free and unappropriated. Visitors welcome. Books, &c., provided. Sunday School 10—10.45 a.m.

The estimated revenue of Penak in 1905 is set at \$10,456,121 against \$10,731,720, the probable revenue for 1904. The outlay for 1905 is given as being \$10,500,876, against \$10,322,749, the probable expenditure in 1904.

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THE KOWLOON LAND AND BUILDING COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE

A CERTIFICATE No. 32 for Ten Shares Nos. 366/375 standing in the Register of this Company in the name of Captain Robert Jones has been LOST.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a new Certificate for the said Ten Shares will be issued fourteen days hence, and that the Original Certificate unless produced within that period will thereafter be held by the Company as null and void.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
A. SHELTON HOOPER,
Secretary to the
HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT AND AGENCY CO., LD.,
Agents for the
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Hongkong, 13th January, 1905. [238]

THE KOWLOON LAND AND BUILDING COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the SIXTEENTH ORDINARY MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in this Company will be held at the COMPANY'S OFFICES, Victoria Buildings, on MONDAY, the 30th January, 1905, at 2.30 P.M., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1904.

The REGISTER of SHARES of the Company will be CLOSED from TUESDAY, the 24th January, to MONDAY, the 30th January (both days inclusive), during which period no Transfer of Shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
A. SHELTON HOOPER,
Secretary to the
HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT AND AGENCY CO., LD.,
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Optional Cargo will be landed, unless notice has been given prior to steamer's arrival. All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are left in the Godowns, where they will be stored at 11 A.M., on the 18th inst.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods are left the steamer's Godown, and all Goods claiming undelivered a ter the 18th inst. will be subject to rent.

All Claims against the Steamer must be sent to the Undersigned on or before the 18th inst., or they will not be recognised.

The Insurance has been effected.

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
Agents,
Hongkong, 13th January, 1905. [241]

ENSION FRANCAISE.

49, POTTINGER STREET,
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12th January, 1905. [242]

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INTIMATIONS

IN AID OF THE FUNDS of the SAILORS' AND SOLDIERS' HOME.

ORCHESTRAL CONCERT

BY THE HAND of S.M.S. "FURST BISMARCK," CITY HALL, TO-NIGHT (SATURDAY), 14th JANUARY, at 9 P.M.

PROGRAMME.
PART I.
1.—Overture... "Raymond"... A. Thomas.
2.—Introduction Act V... "Konig Manfred"... Reinecke.

3.—Fantasia... "Traviata"... Verdi.
4.—Steerman's Song and Chorus of Sailors... "Flying Dutchman"... Wagner.

PART II.
5.—Overture... "Don Juan"... Mozart.
6.—(a) "Smart, very smart"... Gillet.
(b) Entr'acte "Mignon"... Thomas.

7.—Grand Fantasia "Lohengrin" (By Request) ("Highland Lullaby"... Wagner.
(b) Fehrbellner-Reitermarsch (Trumpet Fanfare)... Heinrich.

8.—(a) Marches... "British Grenadiers"... Plans, &c., at the Robinson Piano Co., Ltd.
Hongkong, 13th January, 1905. [236]

THE CATHOLIC UNION, GLENEALY.

BY SPECIAL REQUEST: "ALI BABA," TO-DAY (SATURDAY), the 14th instant, commencing at 5.30 P.M. POSITIVELY THE LAST PERFORMANCE.

PRICES OF ADMISSION: Adults \$1.00 and Children 50 cents. Tickets at the Gate. No Booking. Hongkong, 12th January, 1905. [221]

HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

NOTICE.
THE date of the Closing of Entries for the FORTHCOMING RACE MEETING is POSTPONED until TO-DAY (SATURDAY), the 14th January, 1905.

By Order,
T. F. HOUGH,
Clerk of the Course.
Hongkong, 30th December, 1904. [111]

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A T ONCE, a First-class HOUSE of Five or Six Rooms. Good Location. Willing to pay \$200 for suitable place.

Apply to—
M.
Care of Daily Press Office.
Hongkong, 2nd December, 1904. [104]

DOCTOR WANTED.

FOR EMIGRANT STEAMER.

Apply to—
S. A. L. A.
Care of Daily Press Office.
Hongkong, 3rd December, 1904. [112]

WANTED.

A FOREIGN CERTIFICATED NURSE for the International Hospital at Kobe, Japan. Applications in writing should be addressed to—
EUGENE H. GILL,
Acting Chairman of Trustees,
Hongkong, 9th January, 1905. [137]

WANTED.

ENGLISH GENTLEMAN wishes to BOARD with European Family.

Particulars to—
W.
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Hongkong, 12th January, 1905. [222]

SHORTHAND.

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P. O. Box 143.
Hongkong, 10th January, 1905. [200]

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Care of Office of this Paper.
Hongkong, 16th May, 1903. [1703]

NOTICE.

THE INTEREST and RESPONSIBILITY of the late JAMES PARK WINGATE (Deceased), in our Firm CARRIED ON 31st December, 1904.

TAIT & CO.
Amoy, 1st January, 1905. [169]

SWATOW DISTRICT.

LOCAL NOTICE TO MARINERS, No. 46.
(Wreck of the S.S. "WORKFIELD.")

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the wreck of the British Steamer Workfield referred to in Local Notice to Mariners No. 45, now lies in about 15 fathoms at low water spring tides.

Cape of Good Hope bearing N 22° W 12 Miles.
The Fore Mast showing 18 feet and the Main Mast 12 feet above water.

A. HOLZ,
Harbour Master.

Approved,
FRANK SMITH,
Acting Commissioner of Customs.
Custom House,
Swatow, 11th January, 1905. [233]

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Inspection Invited.
Hongkong, 5th August, 1904. [1912]

PUBLIC COMPANIES

CHINA PROVIDENT LOAN AND MORTGAGE CO., LD.

THE EIGHTH ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING of Shareholders in the Company will be held at the OFFICES of the Company, St. George's Building, No. 6, Connaught Road, on WEDNESDAY, the 18th January, 1905, at 11 A.M. for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the General Managers for the year ending 31st December, 1904, declaring a Dividend and electing a Consulting Committee and Auditors.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from SATURDAY, the 14th January, until WEDNESDAY, the 18th January, 1905, both days inclusive.

SHEWAN, TOMES & CO.,
General Managers.
Hongkong, 10th January, 1905. [205]

THE HONGKONG LAND RECLAMATION CO., LD.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the FOURTH ORDINARY MEETING of Shareholders in this Company will be held at the COMPANY'S OFFICE, Victoria Buildings, on WEDNESDAY, the 18th January, 1905, at 11.30 o'clock A.M. for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors, together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1904.

The REGISTER of SHARES of the Company will be CLOSED from SATURDAY, the 14th January, to WEDNESDAY, the 18th January, both days inclusive, during which period no Transfer of Shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
MOWBRAY S. NORTHCOTE,
Secretary.
Hongkong, 9th January, 1905. [188]

THE WEST POINT BUILDING COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the SEVENTEENTH ORDINARY MEETING of Shareholders in this Company will be held at the COMPANY'S OFFICES, Victoria Buildings, on MONDAY, the 30th January, 1905, at 11.45 o'clock A.M. for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1904.

The REGISTER of SHARES of the Company will be CLOSED from SATURDAY, the 21st January, to MONDAY, the 30th January (both days inclusive), during which period no Transfer of Shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
A. SHELTON HOOPER,
Secretary.

THE HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT AND AGENCY COMPANY, LIMITED.

THE WEST POINT BUILDING CO., LD.
Hongkong, 10th January, 1905. [211]

THE HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT AND AGENCY CO., LD.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the SEVENTEENTH ORDINARY MEETING of Shareholders in this Company will be held at the COMPANY'S OFFICES, Victoria Buildings, on MONDAY, the 30th January, 1905, at 12 o'clock Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1904.

The REGISTER of SHARES of the Company will be CLOSED from SATURDAY, the 21st January, to MONDAY, the 30th January (both days inclusive), during which period no Transfer of Shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
A. SHELTON HOOPER,
Secretary.

HONGKONG, 10th January, 1905. [212]

HUMPHREYS' ESTATE AND FINANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Call of \$7.50 per Share has been made in respect of all Shares not fully paid up, and that such call is Payable on 3rd January, 1905, at the Registered Offices of the Company, Alexandra Buildings, Des Vaux Road, Hongkong.

JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON,
General Managers.
Hongkong, 1st November, 1904. [197]

HUMPHREYS' ESTATE AND FINANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on and after this date Interest at the rate of 8% per annum will be charged upon all Calls in respect of Shares not Fully Paid Up from the day appointed for Payment of such Calls, namely 3rd January, 1905.

JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON,
General Managers.
Hongkong, 11th January, 1905. [110]

IN THE MATTER OF THE OLIVERS FREEHOLD MINES, LIMITED.

IN LIQUIDATION.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on and after SATURDAY, 7th January, 1905, the Liquidator is prepared to distribute a first and final dividend of THIRTEEN CENTS per share to those shareholders who apply for same and deposit their share certificates at the Office of the undersigned, St. George's Buildings, Chater Road, Hongkong.

A. R. LOWE,
Liquidator.
Hongkong, 29th December, 1904. [3032]

IN THE MATTER OF THE QUEEN'S MINES, LIMITED.

IN LIQUIDATION.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on and after SATURDAY, 7th January, 1905, the Liquidator is prepared to distribute a first and final dividend of NINETEENTHS OF ONE CENT per share to those shareholders who apply for same and deposit their share certificates at the Office of the undersigned, St. George's Buildings, Chater Road, Hongkong.

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Hongkong, 29th December, 1904. [3033]

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R. C. WILCOX.
Hongkong, 23rd December, 1904. [2973]

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NOTICE

WE Beg to Notify Customers that from 1st January, 1905, Separate Accounts will be rendered for Aerated Waters.

An inclusive charge will be made for Waters and Bottles, and full credit will be allowed for empties when returned.

Orders for Aerated Waters should be addressed to—
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PRICE LIST:
\$1.20 per dozen will be allowed for Aerated Water Bottles when returned in good condition.

Per Doz.	Soda Water	Soda Water in Bombay Bottles	Potash Seltzer and B.P. Soda	Lemonade	Tonic Water	Lithia Water	Ginger Ale	Lemon Squash	Raspberyrade	Stone Ginger Beer
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Hongkong, 28th December, 1904. [168]

THE VICTORIA DISPENSARY.

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Hongkong, 28th December, 1904. [169]

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Hongkong, 28th December, 1904. [110]

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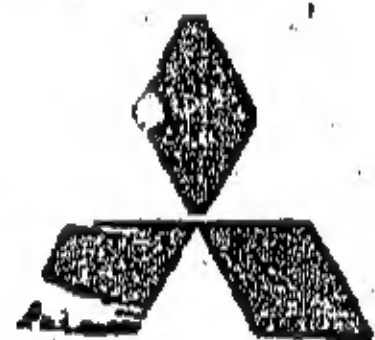
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Hongkong, 19th July, 1904

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THE NORTH SEA INCIDENT.

The following gentlemen have been appointed
to take part in the International Commission
of Enquiry which will shortly meet at Paris—
Vice-Admiral Sir Lewis Beaumont, K.C.B.,
K.C.M.G., to be the British Commissioner;
The Right Hon. Sir Edward Fry, late Lord
Justice of the Court of Appeal, to be Legal
Assessor; and
Mr. Hugh O'Beirne, of his Majesty's Em-
bassy at Paris, First Secretary in his Majesty's
Diplomatic Service, to be the British Agent.

Sir Lewis Beaumont's selection as the naval
representative of this country on the Interna-
tional Commission of Enquiry into the North
Sea incident does not, says the Times, come as a
surprise to those who know that officer. His
previous experience, his professional knowledge,
and his thorough knowledge of the French
language are special qualifications for the duties
devolving upon him in such a post. He has
been Naval Attaché both in Paris and in St.
Petersburg, and as private secretary to the late
Lord Northbrook he accompanied his lordship
on his special mission to Egypt in 1884. From
1894 to 1897 he held the office of Director of
Naval Intelligence, and he has served on a
number of committees investigating and report-
ing on matters of naval administration and
organization. Of his more direct naval work
may be mentioned his services with the Arctic
Expedition of 1875-76, for which he was pro-
moted, received the medal, and was made a
Fellow of the Geographical Society. He was
and is a Grand Officer of the Legion of
Honour—although, as regards this last-named
decoration, his name is not shown in the official
Navy List among those permitted to wear foreign
decorations. As a commander of the second
class he was in command of the Training
Squadron, and more recently he was called from
the command of the Pacific Squadron to take
up the command in Australian waters in order
that he might be placed in personal attendance
on the Prince of Wales during the Australian
portion of his Royal Highness's colorado tour
in 1901. Sir Lewis Beaumont was made
K.C.M.G. for this service, and only last month
he was made K.C.B. He was born on May 19,
1847, and in 1869 married Mary Eleanor, a
daughter of Mr. Charles C. Perkins, of Boston,
U.S.A.

The Right Hon. Sir Edward Fry, who has
been appointed Legal Assessor to the British
Commissioner, was a Judge of the High Court,
Chancery Division, from 1877 to 1883, and a
Lord Justice of Appeal from the latter year
until 1892, when he retired on a pension. He
is a member of the Court of International
Arbitration at The Hague, a Fellow of the
British Academy, and a member of the Historical
Manuscripts Commission; he presided over
the Royal Commission on the Irish Land Acts,
1887-95, and he was chairman of the Court of
Arbitration under the Metropolitan Water Act,
1902. Sir Edward Fry is a Fellow of the
Royal and other learned societies, an LL.D. of
Edinburgh, and a D.C.L. of Oxford.

The British Agent, Mr. Hugh James

O'Beirne, entered the Diplomatic Service in
1882, his first appointment being to St. Peters-
burg, where he qualified in Russian. From the
Russian Court he was transferred, as a Third
Secretary, to Washington, and thence, as a
Second Secretary, to Constantinople. In 1900
he was appointed to Paris, where he has acted
as Charge d'Affaires.

THE FLEET WITHOUT A SMILE.

[A tourist who has seen the crews of the
Baltic Squadron, says:—"You would have
thought that the sailors were all going to a
funeral; not a smile on their faces!"]

Not a smile was seen. With a funeral no-
the corps to Port Arthur were hurried;
And a gunner discharged a random shot;
For we all were most demurely hurried.

Few and deep were the oaths that we said,
And with spirits we moistened our sorrow;
But we anxiously sought a look-out right ahead,
And we bitterly thought of the morrow.

Lightly they'll talk of the whisky that's gone,
And total abstinence upbraids us;
But little we'll reck, if they let us sleep on,
In the bunk where good vodka has laid us.

But half of our ill-fated voyage was done,
When we knew 'twas the hour for retirin';
For we heard in the offing the distant gun
That the foe was suddenly firing.

Slowly and gladly we gave them the slip—
For a battle is horribly gory—
So we drew not a cutlass, we fought not a ship,
But we left them alone with their glory!

[Globe.]

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GARRISON ORDERS.

HEAD QUARTERS,
Hongkong, 13th January, 1905.
GARRISON ORDERS.—Detail—No. 1. Detail
of officers for the ensuing week:—Victoria—
(a) Prison Visitor, Major L. H. Parry, Royal
Garrison Artillery; (b) Field officer of the week,
Capt. R. M. G. Tulloch, 2nd Royal West Kent
Regt.; next for duty, Capt. G. Elgood, 2nd
Royal West Kent Regt.; (c) Subaltern officer
of the week, an officer, Royal Garrison Artillery;
next for duty, an officer, 2nd Royal West Kent
Regt. Kowloon—(a) Field officer of the week,
Major E. G. R. Wilkins, 114th Mahrattas;
next for duty, Major S. R. Stevens, 93rd Burma
Infantry; (b) Subaltern officer of the week,
an officer, 93rd Burma Infantry; next for duty,
an officer, 110th Mahratta Light Infantry.
Garrison Service—No. 2. Garrison Service will
be conducted on Sunday as follows:—

Denomi- nation	Where held	Hour	To Officiate
Ch. of England	Victoria Cathedral	8.30 a.m.	Chaplain
Ch. of England	Lyonnun	The Barracks	Under Orders
Ch. of England	*Stone- England cutters	The Barracks	11.15 a.m. Chaplain
Ch. of England	Ch. of Stn. Hse.	Block	4 p.m. Chaplain
Presby- terian	Victoria Church	11 a.m.	Offg. Clergn.
Wesleyan	Victoria Wesl. Ch.	1.15 a.m.	Offg. Clergn.
Roman Catholic	Roman Victoria Barracks	10.30 a.m.	to homoclety Sr. Officer
Roman Catholic	Roman Victoria Ch.	9 a.m.	Offg. Clergn.
Roman Catholic	Roman Victoria Ch.	7.30 a.m.	Offg. Clergn.

* Launch will leave A.S.C. Pier for Stone-
cutters at 10.15 a.m.

* Launch will leave A.S.C. Pier for Lyonnun
at 9 a.m.

Records as under will be furnished by the
2nd Royal West Kent Regt to conduct prisoners
to Church:—Roman Catholic, 1 N.C.O. 1 Man.
8.30 a.m.

Sick—No. 3. Garrison Order No. 6 of 16th
August, 1902, is re-published for information:—
"Commanding officers are requested to ensure
that the medical history sheet is sent to the
hospital with each man reporting sick. When
this is not feasible it should be sent immediately
on receipt of the sick report notifying the man's
admission to hospital."

Leave—No. 4. Leave of absence on private
affairs to the neighbouring countries has been
granted to Lieut-Col. F. W. J. Canfield,
110th Mahratta Light Infantry, from 18th to
23rd January, 1905.

By Order

A. A. CHICHESTER, Major.

Chief Staff Officer.

JOINT STOCK SHARES.

Messrs. Vernon & Smyth say in their weekly
share report, dated Hongkong, 13th January,
1905.—The continued tightness of money, and
the near approach of China New Year, is still
exercising a depressing effect on the general
condition of our market, and though a better
feeling is perhaps noticeable in regard to some
of our best dividend paying stocks, we fear but
little material improvement can be looked for
until the present financial stringency is alleviated.

BANKS.—Hongkong and Shanghai under a
forced sale have been disposed of at 8700, but
close firmers with buyers at 8705. The latest
London quotation to stand at 671, ss. 6d. It is
officially notified that subject to audit the
directors of the Corporation will recommend at
the forthcoming half-yearly meeting a dividend
of £1.10s. 0d and bonus of £1. per share, the
transfer of £1,000,000 to reserve, write off pro-
perty account £200,000, and carry forward about
£1,500,000. Nationals have again been disposed
of at 838.

MARINE INSURANCES.—Unions continue in
request at \$69 with no failures available under
\$700. China Traders are required for in a sum-
way at \$58. North China are procurable at
Tls. 96, and Cantons at \$250. Yangtzes are
slightly firmer with buyers at \$150.

FIRE INSURANCES.—China have sold and
continue in request at \$91. Hongkong have
improved to \$340 with sales and further buyers.
SHIPPING.—Hongkong, Canton and Macao
after dropping to \$261 have found up and
close in request at \$27. Indo-China have
ruled somewhat erratic, sales down to \$123 cash,
being reported, but at the close a firmer feeling
is apparent, and a fair demand exists for cash
shares at \$124 and equivalent rates for June
and July delivery. Douglases have sold at \$33
and \$33; and more shares are wanted at the
latter rate. China and Manilla and Star Ferries
are unchanged and without business. Shell
Transports are steadier with buyers at 25/.

REFINERIES.—China Sugars after receding to
\$217 have found up and close with buyers
at \$218 cash and equivalent rates for March to
August delivery. Luzons are also firmer with
buyers at \$17.

MINING.—Raubs have declined to \$31, at
which rate shares have changed hands and more
are wanted.

DOCKS, WHARVES, AND GODOWNS.—Hong-
kong and Whampoa Docks have declined to
\$217, but close in demand at that rate. Hong-
kong and Kowloon Wharves continue steady
at \$104 (old ex new) and \$102 (new), with
small sales of old cum new at the equivalent
rate, viz. \$112. New Amoy Docks have prob-
able sellers at the reduced rate of \$25. Par-
ham Bay is quoted from the North at Tls.
1524 sales and buyers.

LANDS, HOTELS, AND BUILDINGS.—Hong-
kong Lands have again been disposed of at \$146,
and more shares are procurable. Kowloon
Lands are still in the market at \$384 and West
Points at \$59. Hongkong Hotels have declined
to \$142 sellers. Humphreys Estates have sold
at \$122 and \$12; and close in further request at
the latter rate. Shanghai Lands are unchanged
at Tls. 117.

COTTON MILLS.—Hongkong have sold at
\$13. We have heard of no local business in
the northern stocks, in which quotations are
unchanged.

MISCELLANEOUS.—Campbell Moores are
easier with sellers at \$40 China Provident have
sold and are still procurable at \$94. Dairy
Farms are wanted at \$12. Green Island
Cements are easier with sellers at \$29. Wat-
kins are procurable at \$9, and 1 Powells at \$12.
A demand continues for Electric (old) at \$15,
China Borneos at \$134. South China Morning
Posts at \$22, and Watsons (new) at \$12.

MEMOS.—China Provident Loan and Mort-
gage Co., Ltd. ordinary yearly meeting on the
18th inst.; transfer books close to-morrow the
18th inst., until the 18th inst., both days inclusive.
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THE BLACK RIBBON.

BY

L. T. MEADE.

(Author of "A Woman in Grey," &c.)

CHAPTER XIX.

Rebecca went straight upstairs, knowing that time was infinitely precious. In a moment she was in the room which had been devoted to the service of Delafeld. She found his medicine chest, secured the key, and took out a tiny phial which he described to her, and which contained a colourless liquid.

"Ah, little treasure!" said Rebecca, slipping it into her pocket as she spoke. "You will save the man who has saved my life, and you will send to destruction the man who is my bitter enemy."

In the past Rebecca had good reason to hate Count Saeri. On more than one occasion he had voted against her when certain important work was to be done. Once his vote had cast on her devoted head the onus of a crime, which she was forced to commit to think of, and yet she was not allowed to do so. She would not be sorry to feel that she had got rid of what she considered a monster from the face of the earth. But time was passing by, and she must quickly reach the room where Olga was getting ready for supper. Olga's face was unrecognizably pale. The moment she saw Rebecca, she went up to her.

"Rebecca," she said, "how long a time have we before Mr. Delafeld has to give his decision?"

"Nearly an hour," said Rebecca, glancing at the clock on the mantelpiece as she spoke.

"But supper comes first, don't forget that," said Olga.

"I know," said Rebecca, "as if I could eat!"

"You know it," said Olga, "but you mean?"

"Yes, I know it. I seem to be able to read your mind, Madam."

"You do," said Olga suddenly. "You read my mind, my thoughts and my hopes. Yes, you will be a great man yet. It would be cruel to cast away such a life."

"Well," said Rebecca, in a cold tone, "you have influence, and you can use it. You are practising at the head of the Order of the Black Ribbon. You have but to declare your wish, and his death will be at once postponed. But you must be ready when he comes back to the Council Chamber to give his decision."

"Rebecca, I am thirsty," said Olga.

"Then you will drink of the good wine at dinner," said Rebecca, a gleam of light in her eyes.

"But, Madam, I have something to tell you. It is a secret; but then I have never kept things from you, for there have been matters in connection with the Black Ribbon which I have revealed to you. I will tell you this."

"What is it?" said Olga.

"Count Saeri is in love with the fair English girl, Helen Lumsdale."

"Is he, indeed?" said Olga. "Impossible. He is about to marry Miss Templeton."

"He does not love her. He has tired of her. You can give her to some one else. He is in love with the beautiful, dark-eyed English girl, Helen Lumsdale. He would almost give his life to win her. Now you are in love with Maurice Delafeld. You would almost give your life to win him. Why should not Helen be given to Count Saeri? What do you say?"

"How can it be managed?"

"Leave matters to me. I feel I have every power in my possession. Now I must hurry downstairs."

Rebecca left Olga. When she reached the door she turned round for one moment to look at her. Olga had dressed herself, for some extraordinary reason, in the deepest purple velvet, of such a dark shade that at night it would look almost black. She had glittering diamonds round her throat, and a diamond star in her coal-black hair. The dead white of her face shone against the background of her hair, black as night and soft as finest silk. She looked stately and majestic.

"But not beautiful!" said Rebecca to herself. "And even I, after all, have nearly as much power as she has. Ah! I am plain, commonplace, despicable; but I can do work at the present moment that she cannot touch."

She left the room, and went downstairs to the supper room. It was arranged for a number of guests, for many were staying in the house. Rebecca knew where Count Saeri, Professor Kristofski, and Olga would sit. She glanced round her. The room was entirely empty, for all the first arrangements for supper had been made, and it was not yet time to place the different dishes on the board.

By each plate was put, according to the custom of the country, a little goblet, curiously carved, containing a light, exhilarating wine. Each goblet held a little over a glassful of this wine. Rebecca now took three crystal glasses, and placed them before her on a side table. She took the tiny phial of precious fluid from her pocket, and began to drop a certain measurement into each glass; into one two drops, into another three drops, and into the third again, something more than three drops, yet not quite four.

"There is risk, slight risk," she murmured, "but the woman is strong, and the risk must be run. The cause is worth the risk. Now let me think. One drop gave calm, joined to a certain indifference. Two drops gave absolute peace, and an inclination to slumber, also a certain unsteadiness of limb, most desirable for my purpose. Three drops gave the dark and dreamless sleep of the blessed dead. Count Saeri, you shall have the two drops, for it will do nothing more than at the crucial moment unnerve you and cause your limbs to sway, your hands to refuse their grip. That is all that is required of you. Count so far. You, Professor, shall sleep, oh, a beautiful sleep, during which certain affairs of importance will vanish completely from your mind. And as to you, Madam Olga, you shall sleep even sounder. So sound, that the new joy which you are about to claim as your own will be forgotten as though he had never existed. You will sleep for hours and hours, and when you wake again—ah! what may not have happened before you awake, Madam Olga? So, with you asleep, and therefore harmless, and with Count Saeri, sleeping the soundest, deepest sleep of all, that sleep that knows no waking, I think Rebecca Rawlinson will exactly know what course to pursue. But now to be ready."

Rebecca having measured out her drops, took the three little decanters of wine and filled up each glass from their contents. She then threw away the remainder, for it was necessary for her purpose that every drop of the liquid which contained the drops should be swallowed. She then returned the wine to the little goblets, and put them in their places on the table.

It was Rebecca's custom often to steal into the room at supper time, and to stand behind her mistress's chair, and thus be ready to fly to attend her slightest need.

The hour for supper was rapidly approaching. No trace of her deadly work was apparent on

into gay looking supper table. Rebecca flew back to her room, and on her way there she passed Maurice Delafeld. She entered, put the little bottle which looked almost as full as ever, back into its receptacle. She wrenched open a drawer, and took a pocket-book, which she knew contained numberless notes and gold coins. She slipped this into the bosom of her dress, and then ran downstairs.

The silver chiming, which summoned the different guests to supper, were already pealing through the house, and men and women, beautifully dressed, streamed into the supper room. It was a tremendous meal, for dinner was usually the order of the hour. But on the occasion when the members of the Black Ribbon met together, Professor Kristofski preferred the less elaborate meal of supper.

He sat at the head of the table. Olga took the foot. Rebecca glided in, and stood a few feet away from her mistress's chair. Count Saeri, excited, and in excellent spirits, sat not far from his hostess.

"Parbleu!" he exclaimed. "This heat makes one profoundly thirsty!"

He took the little curiously carved stopper from the goblet of sparkling wine, filled up his glass, and drained it off. If eyes could express rapture, Rebecca's did at that moment. She watched the Professor and the guests as they laughed and talked together. Her scheme would carry out fully, with admirable effect. She knew that the potion in the wine would not take effect for at least half an hour. So much the better. There was exactly half an hour in which to finish the meal, before those members of the supper table who belonged to the Order of the Black Ribbon would go downstairs to hear Delafeld's decision.

"You are thirsty, madam. Let me help you," said Rebecca, taking the stopper from Olga's decanter, and pouring out the wine.

"How it sparkles! How delicious it is!" said Olga.

She looked at it with eyes full of light. She was thinking all the time how she could save Delafeld in order to secure him for herself, and she enjoyed her draught of good wine. The Professor had already taken his.

The meal came to an end. The ladies withdrew, sauntering about the garden. Exactly as the clock struck the appointed hour Olga stood on the threshold. Behind her glided Rebecca.

"You had better come down with me," said Olga.

"She went up to her father and spoke to him. The Professor nodded, looking at her in a semi-bewildered way."

"I am frightfully sleepy," he said. "Must we have another meeting to-night? Can we not postpone the matter?"

"It is scarcely safe," murmured Olga, glancing at Rebecca.

"It is certainly very unsafe," whispered Rebecca back.

"Well, Olga, you know what to do. If you require me, call me. In these matters the fewer witnesses the better."

"We need have no witnesses," said Rebecca suddenly. "Count Saeri, are you willing to do what I asked you to do a short time ago?"

"I am more than willing," said the Count, staggering to his feet and coming up the room. "I am not so hot as I was," he said. "I feel stronger and calmer and more determined."

The other guests remained at the table. Olga led the way to her father's study. A few minutes later found them in the secret Council Chamber. There Olga immediately flung herself on a deep seat.

"I don't know what is over me," she said. "I never was so frightfully sleepy in my life."

"But you must keep awake at least for a short time," said Rebecca, "to hear the decision of Maurice Delafeld."

"I don't want that decision to be made to-night," said Olga, still more sleepily. "My father is not here. Why should I decide? It is not good to take a man's life, is it, Count Saeri?"

"Sometimes it is good," said the Count. "It's gloomy eyes looking larger than ever. He leant against the table as he spoke."

"There is something sleepy about the night," he continued, "and yet I don't feel sleepy. I never felt better in my life. Why, what is it, Madam? You can scarcely keep your eyes open."

"There must be a storm coming on," said Olga.

"I would stand up, if I were you, madam," said Rebecca.

"She did not want Olga to sleep yet. "The time has come," continued Rebecca. "I will tell the English gentleman and the English lady, your madam, as head of this society, and you, Count Saeri, and I form a quorum. We can carry into effect the sentence which has already been practically pronounced."

"Quite so," replied Olga.

"She caught hold of Rebecca's arm. She pulled her down to her side."

"You will save him," she whispered.

"The Count heard the words."

"What does this mean?" he said. "Save whom? What are you talking about?"

"Oh, no one," said Olga. "At least, I mean you. You are the person who is so valuable to our society."

He looked at her with what would have been a full suspicion, but for the effect of the potent drug.

Rebecca crossed the room and flung open the iron door, which led into the room beyond, and said in a clear voice—

"The time is up, Maurice Delafeld. Will you and Miss Lumsdale come into the Council Chamber?"

"Come, dear," said Delafeld, glancing at Helen. "We will be true to each other, and we must believe what Rebecca Rawlinson has said to us."

She took his hand, and they walked slowly into the next room. Delafeld looked tall and calm and strong. He glanced at Count Saeri, who was changing colour, and feeling a more undefined sense of uneasiness each moment. It seemed to Count Saeri that a deadly fear was seizing at his heart. He had never known the sensation before. As to Olga, she merely nodded her head, and then said in a low tone—

"I cannot imagine why all sounds are so distant, and why I can scarcely see your face, Maurice Delafeld. Believe me, I do not wish you to die."

"He shall not die! You must save him!" said Helen.

She flung herself on her knees by Olga's side. "Hush, child, hush! You are too fearful, too uneasy. Now then, Maurice Delafeld, will you become a member of the Black Ribbon, or not?"

"I will not become a member of the Black Ribbon. I am an Englishman and will abide by the laws of my country. That is my decision."

"Then you give me the alternative, or you willing to face it, sir?" said Count Saeri.

"Yes, sir, I am willing," replied Delafeld.

"Then will you come with me?"

Helen rose. She went to Count Saeri and took his hand.

"Oh, you will save him! You will not let him die!"

He looked at her, and the passion he was already beginning to feel for one so beautiful, so young, so unlike any woman he had ever seen before, rose up in his heart, and almost overpowered him.

"If you will promise to be mine, I think I can manage to save him," he said in a whisper. Helen started back, her face like death.

"No, no, no!" she cried. "No, no, no!"

She covered her face with her hands.

"Take him away, and be quick, Count," said Rebecca.

The next instant Delafeld and Count Saeri left the council chamber by the private door. Helen uttered a piercing cry, and fell in a heap near Olga's sofa. She was quite unconscious. Olga herself lay back asleep, dead asleep, past awakening, past rousing, on the low couch or divan which occupied the far end of the room. She took no more notice of Helen than if she were dead.

"This is my hour," said Rebecca to herself. "I must give him a few minutes. God in Heaven help him. He gets rid of a vermin. The man must and shall die. That indeed is a release that Russia may be proud of. As to this sweet young lady—"

She turned Helen round tenderly, and applied some strong salts to her nostrils. The poor girl opened her eyes with a shudder.

"Rouse yourself, dear," said Rebecca. "I believe all will be well. But it depends on your courage. Look at her. She will be undisturbed and will not wake for at least twenty-four hours. And the Professor upstairs is equally fast asleep. The rest of the members of the Black Ribbon have dispersed and will not come here again to-night. We have the place to ourselves."

"Oh, yes," said poor Helen, "but Maurice?"

"I believe he will be with you in a minute. The time has come when I may go to him. Be ready, be prepared. We must leave here, immediately."

Rebecca softly opened the door which led up the narrow winding stairs. She did not dare to take a light with her. She went forward, trembling as she had never trembled before.

"Maurice, Maurice," she said, "I saved your life. I saved yours!" she said in a whisper.

In a moment a hand grasped hers. She felt that it was strong and muscular, and Delafeld reappeared in the room.

"The Count?" he whispered to Rebecca.

"Gone! I knocked him over. At least I could not help myself. He struggled with me. But I obeyed your instructions. I seized this ring, and a moment ago I saw a shadow of light."

"It was your potent draught. He was an evil man, and is well out of the world. Don't think of him another moment. Here is your future wife. She and you and I must make our escape this very night."

"Now at once," said Delafeld. "Oh, Helen, my darling!" he clasped his arms round her.

"Oh, come," said Rebecca, "you can kiss each other afterwards. Mr. Delafeld, I took a liberty with you. I have your pocket-book, which contains your passport and a number of notes and valuable papers and gold, just inside my stays. I also have my own passport and that of Miss Lumsdale on my person. We can take a fishing smack which leaves Peterhead by the last pier at midnight, and by this time to-morrow, by the time Professor Kristofski and Madam Olga awaken, we shall be out of the country, away from the cruel power which calls itself good, but which is evil—away from the Black Ribbon and its victims."

Rebecca was as good as her word. The secret passage which ran underground for nearly two miles was traversed in the dark, and Helen and Delafeld remained in one of its gloomy recesses until Rebecca had made certain that her friend, the fisherman, to whom she was related through her late husband, was ready to take his freight on board. All her plans succeeded, and in less than a week's time, Helen Lumsdale, Maurice Delafeld and Rebecca Rawlinson were safe in England once more. Helen's dark hair was tinged with white, and Delafeld owned that he could never be the same man again since he had sent another man into eternity and stood alone on the slippery step, holding on to the iron ring, while he listened for the splash of Count Saeri's boots as he fell into the sea.

"But all is well that ends well," he also said when he clasped Helen in his arms.

In good time they were married, and are happy and sane people now, Helen having quite got over her craze to assist the Black Ribbon.

As to poor Kitty Pembroke, she was not quite so lucky as her friend. Indeed, her life was a very unhappy one, for she would not give up the cause she had so much at heart, and was eventually sent to Siberia to expiate her so-called crimes.

Rupert Lumsdale died of fever almost immediately after arriving at Petersburg. Thus he never knew Kitty, and his money was left to the society. But Helen's fate was her own, and all in good time the Squire and Mrs. Lumsdale began to smile once more, when they saw Helen's children, and read happiness in her eyes.

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AUSTRO-HUNGARIAN.
Aspern, cruiser, 2437 tons, 20 guns, 7300 h.p.
Capt. Friedrich Grinzenberger, Singapore
Kaiserin Elisabeth, cruiser, 4000 tons, 22 guns, 8000 h.p., Captain Mirth, Japan

FRENCH.
Acheron, armoured gunboat, 1796 tons, 10 guns, 1700 h.p., Lieut. Perre, Saigon
Argus, gunboat, 123 tons, — guns, 500 h.p., Lieut. Jannel, Canton

Aspie, gunboat, 475 tons, 3 guns, 450 h.p., Lieut. Grallier, Saigon
Avalanche, gunboat, 140 tons, 5 guns, 150 h.p., Haiphong

Balconette, gunboat, Lieut. Lefevre, Saigon
Canard, gunboat, Lieut. Hue, Saigon
Casse-toie, gunboat, 140 tons, 5 guns, 150 h.p., Saigon

Chataigneraie, cruiser (Flagship of Rear-Admiral du Faou de Jonquiere, 2nd in command), 5015 tons, 18 guns, 17,000 h.p., Captain V. Poillette, Baie d'Along
Comor, cruiser, 325 tons, 4 guns, 438 h.p., Comdr. Loeu, Haiphong

D'Aussas, cruiser, 4000 tons, 31 guns, 9500 h.p., Saigon
Decidie, gunboat, 645 tons, 10 guns, 1,000 h.p., Lieut. Comdr. L'Est, Shanghai

Devotais, cruiser, 3935 tons, 14 guns, 5500 h.p., Commander Amet, at present at Saigon
Estee, gunboat, — tons, — guns, — h.p., Lieut. Mère, Haiphong

Francisque, destroyer, 303 tons, 7 guns, 6300 h.p., Lieut. Comdr. at present at Saigon
Fronde, destroyer, 550 tons, 7 guns, 303 h.p., Lieut. Jéroume, Baie d'Along

Guyard, cruiser, 3378 tons, 33 guns, 20,200 h.p., Captain Goudot, Baie d'Along
Haut Riviere, gunboat, — tons, — guns, — h.p., Lieut. Fortier, Haiphong

Jacquin, gunboat, Lieut. Colouze, Haiphong
Jareille, destroyer, 307 tons, 7 guns, 300 h.p., Lieut. Comdr. Beussant, Baie d'Along
Kersant, gunboat, 1250 tons, 6 guns, 2200 h.p., Comdr. Le Goleur, Shanghai

Lynx, submarine, Lieut. Armbruster, Saigon
Moutelin, cruiser (Flagship of Vice-Admiral Bayle, "commander in Chief), 9700 tons, 12 guns, 19,600 h.p., Capt. Dartigue du Fournet, Baie d'Along

Mouquet, destroyer, Lieut. Prat, Baie d'Along
Océ, gunboat, — tons, — guns, — h.p., Lieut. Admand, Yangtze

Fiscal, cruiser, 4015 tons, 27 guns, 8500 h.p., Comdr. Chevalier, Saigon
Pélo, gunboat, Lieut. Lavièvre, Tongku

Pistole, destroyer, Lieut. de Reinach-Werth, Baie d'Along
Protos, submarine, Lieut. Glotieux, Saigon

Redoutable, battleship, (in reserve) 9437 tons, 8 guns, 6071 h.p., Commodore C. P. M. Pélouze, Saigon

Sabre, destroyer, Lieut. Lebarb, Saigon
Styx, cruiser, 1700 tons, 10 guns, 1700 h.p., Comdr. T. de Balincourt, Saigon

Sully, cruiser, 10014 tons, 35 guns, 20,000 h.p., Captain Guillemin, Haiphong
Surprise, gunboat, 630 tons, 2 guns, 900 h.p., Lieut. Roque, Hankow

Taking, gunboat, — tons, — guns, — h.p., Lieut. —, Yangtze
Takou, destroyer, Lieut. Gaillard, Saigon

Vanban, battleship, (reserve) 6150 tons, 23 guns, 4560 h.p., Lieut. —, Saigon
Vigilante, gunboat, 133 tons, 7 guns, 500

